

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1.-8. (Canceled)

Claim 9. (Currently Amended): A gas generator for an airbag ~~having~~ comprising:

[[a]] an elongated cylindrical tube ~~made of~~ comprising metal, the tube including a first closed end and second end;

a partitioning plate which partitions an inside of the tube, in an axial direction, into

a combustion chamber packed with gas generant which is ~~burnt~~ burnable to generate high pressure gas, and

a hollow cylindrical filter chamber fitted with ~~in which~~ a filter material is fitted, ~~a partitioning plate made of metal which is different from that of the tube in at least one of properties of hardness, thickness, and stretch, for partitioning the tube into the combustion chamber and the filter chamber, and;~~

an igniter, fitted at an the second end portion of the tube, ~~for igniting and burning that ignites and burns~~ the gas generant in the combustion chamber[[,]]; and

a holder which closes the second end of the tube and holds the igniter,

wherein the partitioning plate comprises a metal higher in hardness than that of the tube,

wherein ~~in order to fix the partitioning plate in the tube,~~ the tube [[has]] includes a crimped portion ~~formed~~ on its peripheral face at locations adjacent to ~~a location where the partitioning plate is disposed,~~

wherein plastic deformation of the crimped portion creates, on the inside face of the tube, a depressed portion which reduces a plate thickness of the tube such that [[and]] the

partitioning plate ~~is bitten~~ bites 0.1 mm or more into a wall of the tube from a peripheral edge face ~~thereof~~ of the partitioning plate,

wherein the partitioning plate has a first thickness portion and a second thickness portion, which is smaller in thickness than the first thickness portion and is a leading end of a portion that bites into the wall of the tube, and

wherein the partitioning plate is tapered from the first thickness portion to the second thickness portion, so that the thickness of the partitioning plate decreases toward the second thickness portion.

Claim 10. (New) The gas generator for the airbag according to Claim 9, wherein each of the first thickness portion and the second thickness portion is symmetrical with respect to a line passing through a center of the thickness of the partitioning plate.

Claim 11. (New) The gas generator for the airbag according to Claim 9, wherein the second thickness portion of the partitioning plate is thinner than a wall thickness of the tube where the tube contacts the partitioning plate.

Claim 12. (New) The gas generator for the airbag according to Claim 9, wherein the peripheral edge face of the partitioning plate has a thickness of 2.5 mm or less.

Claim 13. (New) The gas generator for the airbag according to Claim 9 further comprising, an orifice in the partitioning plate and that communicates with the hollow cylindrical filter chamber.

Claim 14. (New) The gas generator for the airbag according to Claim 13 further comprising, a seal member which is adhesively bonded to the partition plate to close the orifice and bursts when the gas generant is burned.

Claim 15. (New) The gas generator for the airbag according to Claim 9, wherein a gas discharge hole is disposed in a portion of the tube which corresponds to the filter chamber.

Claim 16. (New) The gas generator for the airbag according to Claim 15, wherein gas generated in the combustion chamber and passed through the filter material is discharged into the airbag through the discharge hole.

Claim 17. (New) The gas generator for the airbag according to Claim 9, wherein airtightness between the tube and the partitioning plate is maintained only by contact between the respective metals thereof.

Claim 18. (New) The gas generator for the airbag according to Claim 9, wherein the partitioning plate includes a metal with a lower degree of elongation than that of the tube.